

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the life and lifetime achievements of one of Cooper County's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Mary Katherine Pieper Long, a treasured resident of Boonville, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on May 16, 2003, with a festive celebration to be held in Lake Ozark, Missouri; and

Whereas, born May 16, 1913, in St. Joseph, Missouri, Mary Katherine Pieper Long graduated from Boonville High School in 1931 and continued her education at Central Methodist College and Bowen's School of Pharmacy, where she achieved the highest score on the Pharmacy Exam; and

Whereas, Mary Katherine Long embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married Robert Edward Long, her partner in life and in pharmacy with whom she owned Long's Drug Shop from 1947 to 1973; and

Whereas, the president of the R.F. Blankenbaker Memorial Scholarship Trustees for forty-one years, Mary Katherine Long is also proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the first committee to provide hot lunches for the Boonville Public Schools, Friends of Historic Boonville, the Cooper County Historical Society, and the Hain House Memorial Garden, of which she serves as Chair; and

Whereas, a devout member of the First Baptist Church for seventy-eight years where she has glorified the Lord as a Sunday School Teacher, Mary Katherine Long has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Robert Edward Long; her two children, Nancy Allison Long Broaddus and Linda Margaret Long Harlan; her five grandchildren, Loren Edward Broaddus, John Mark Broaddus, Robert Matthew Broaddus, Reed Long Harlan, and Brook Long Harlan; and her two great-grandchildren, Emma Pauline and Loren Michael Broaddus; and

Whereas, now ninety years young, Mary Katherine Long faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing her experiences and wisdom with those she holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Mary Katherine Pieper Long as she proudly celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mary Katherine Pieper Long, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____

Representative Jeff Harris

District No. 23

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2926, adopted May 15, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker